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Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR THE GADII'AHI FARM IRRIGATION SYSTEM, PHASE IV, EA-15-8415

The NRCS intends to provide financial and technical assistance to the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources for the Gadii'ahi Chapter in San Juan County, New Mexico, to complete construction of a farm irrigation system, which has outlived its useful lifespan and is no longer serviceable. The farm irrigation system will provide water for wildlife, livestock and crops within a managed land unit. Water is essential in each pasture and field.

Based upon a review of the Bureau of Indian Affair's (BIA) Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI dated March 13, 2015, and supporting documents provided, the NRCS has decided that the project is not a major federal action, and will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively with other actions in the general area. No environmental effects meet the definition of significance in context or intensity, as defined at 40 CFR 1508.27 and do not exceed those effects as described in the EA. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

For further information concerning adoption of the EA or FONSI, actions being taken by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, please contact: Cheryl Lambert, Arizona Environmental Coordinator, United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 230 North First Avenue, Suite 509, Phoenix, Arizona 85003 or at Cheryl.Lambert@az.usda.gov.

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